

Saskatchewan Labour Force Statistics

March 2010

UNADJUSTED DATA

According to the Statistics Canada Labour Force Survey for the week ended March 20, 2010, there were 520,000 persons employed in Saskatchewan during March 2010, an increase of 2,600 from February 2010 and 9,000 more than the number employed in March 2009.

Agricultural employment was 40,200 persons in March 2010, down 2,200 from the February 2010 level of 42,400 but 2,200 more than the March 2009 agricultural employment level of 38,000. Non-agricultural employment was 479,800 persons in March 2010. This is up 4,800 from the February 2010 non-agriculture employment level of 475,000 and 6,800 more than March 2009.

The Saskatchewan unemployment rate for March 2010 was 5.8 percent. This is an increase of 1.1 percentage points from the February 2010 rate of 4.7 percent and 0.6 percentage points higher than the March 2009 level of 5.2 percent.

Saskatchewan's labour force increased by 9,100 to 551,900 persons in March 2010 from 542,800 persons in February 2010. This is 12,800 more than the March 2009 labour force of persons.

The Saskatchewan participation rate rose 1.1 percentage points to 70.1 percent in March 2010 from 69.0 percent in February 2010. The March 2009 participation rate for Saskatchewan was 69.4 percent.

There were 31,900 persons unemployed in Saskatchewan during March 2010. This is an increase of 6,500 from February 2010 and is 3,800 more than the number unemployed in March 2009.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

On a seasonally adjusted basis there were 527,200 persons employed in Saskatchewan in March 2010, up 3,300 from the February 2010 level of 523,900 and is up 8,400 from the March 2009 employment level of 518,800 persons.

The Saskatchewan seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for March 2010 was 5.1 percent. This is an increase of 0.8 percentage points from the February 2010 rate of 4.3 percent and 0.4 percentage points higher than the March 2009 rate of 4.7 percent.

CANADIAN DATA

Canadian employment increased by 12,800 persons in March 2010 to 16,695,600 persons from 16,682,800 persons in February 2010. In March 2009, there were 16,538,800 persons employed in Canada.

Canada's unemployment rate increased 0.3 percentage points to 8.8 percent from the February 2010 level of 8.5 percent. In March 2009, Canada's unemployment rate was 8.8 percent.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for Canada was 8.2 percent in March 2010. This is unchanged from February 2010 but 0.1 percentage points higher than the March 2009 level of 8.1 percent.

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TABLE 1

SUMMARY LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS, CANADA AND THE PRAIRIE PROVINCES

	<u>March 2010</u>	<u>February 2010</u>	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
CANADA					
Labour Force ('000)	18,305.9	18,233.3	18,138.9	72.6	167.0
Employed ('000)	16,695.6	16,682.8	16,538.8	12.8	156.8
Full-Time ('000)	13,326.2	13,337.4	13,183.3	-11.2	142.9
Part-Time ('000)	3,369.4	3,345.4	3,355.5	24.0	13.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,610.3	1,550.5	1,600.1	59.8	10.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	8.5	8.8	0.3	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	8.2	8.2	8.1	0.0	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	66.2	66.7	0.2	-0.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
Labour Force ('000)	551.9	542.8	539.1	9.1	12.8
Employed ('000)	520.0	517.4	511.0	2.6	9.0
Full-Time ('000)	418.3	419.1	406.2	-0.8	12.1
Part-Time ('000)	101.7	98.2	104.8	3.5	-3.1
Unemployed ('000)	31.9	25.4	28.1	6.5	3.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.8	4.7	5.2	1.1	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.1	4.3	4.7	0.8	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	69.0	69.4	1.1	0.7
ALBERTA					
Labour Force ('000)	2,108.4	2,103.2	2,095.9	5.2	12.5
Employed ('000)	1,948.8	1,959.2	1,967.6	-10.4	-18.8
Full-Time ('000)	1,582.6	1,593.3	1,594.9	-10.7	-12.3
Part-Time ('000)	366.2	365.9	372.6	0.3	-6.4
Unemployed ('000)	159.6	144.1	128.3	15.5	31.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	6.9	6.1	0.7	1.5
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	7.5	6.9	6.1	0.6	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	72.5	72.4	73.8	0.1	-1.3
MANITOBA					
Labour Force ('000)	637.6	640.4	626.5	-2.8	11.1
Employed ('000)	603.3	604.0	592.8	-0.7	10.5
Full-Time ('000)	476.5	481.4	480.0	-4.9	-3.5
Part-Time ('000)	126.7	122.6	112.8	4.1	13.9
Unemployed ('000)	34.3	36.4	33.7	-2.1	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	5.7	5.4	-0.3	0.0
Unemployment Rate (%)					
Seasonally Adjusted	5.2	5.4	5.1	-0.2	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	68.8	68.2	-0.4	0.2

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*
Prepared by Saskatchewan Bureau of Statistics, Ministry of Finance

TABLE 2

SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>March 2010</u>	<u>February 2010</u>	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>LABOUR FORCE ('000)</u>	551.9	542.8	539.1	9.1	12.8
Male	294.6	289.6	286.7	5.0	7.9
Female	257.2	253.2	252.4	4.0	4.8
15-24 Years of Age	92.9	89.4	95.0	3.5	-2.1
25+ Years of age	458.9	453.3	444.1	5.6	14.8
<u>EMPLOYED ('000)</u>	520.0	517.4	511.0	2.6	9.0
Male	273.8	273.2	268.6	0.6	5.2
Female	246.2	244.2	242.4	2.0	3.8
15-24 Years of Age	83.2	81.6	84.2	1.6	-1.0
25+ Years of age	436.8	453.8	426.8	-17.0	10.0
<u>UNEMPLOYED ('000)</u>	31.9	25.4	28.1	6.5	3.8
Male	20.8	16.4	18.1	4.4	2.7
Female	11.1	9.0	10.1	2.1	1.0
15-24 Years of Age	9.8	7.8	10.8	2.0	-1.0
25+ Years of age	22.1	17.6	17.4	4.5	4.7
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>	5.8	4.7	5.2	1.1	0.6
Male	7.1	5.7	6.3	1.4	0.8
Female	4.3	3.6	4.0	0.7	0.3
15-24 Years of Age	10.5	8.7	11.4	1.8	-0.9
25+ Years of age	4.8	3.9	3.9	0.9	0.9
<u>PARTICIPATION RATE (%)</u>	70.1	69.0	69.4	1.1	0.7
Male	75.8	74.6	74.9	1.2	0.9
Female	64.5	63.6	64.1	0.9	0.4
15-24 Years of Age	67.2	64.6	68.1	2.6	-0.9
25+ Years of age	70.7	70.0	69.8	0.7	0.9

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 3

SASKATCHEWAN EMPLOYED LABOUR FORCE

	March 2010	February 2010	March 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
<u>INDUSTRY ('000)</u>					
Agriculture	40.2	42.4	38.0	-2.2	2.2
Forestry, Fishing, Mining and Oil & Gas	27.9	28.8	23.3	-0.9	4.6
Utilities	4.7	4.0	4.9	0.7	-0.2
Construction	35.6	35.1	33.5	0.5	2.1
Manufacturing	29.2	28.5	30.5	0.7	-1.3
Trade	80.3	77.7	81.6	2.6	-1.3
Transportation and Warehousing	26.1	26.5	23.9	-0.4	2.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	31.3	30.5	30.0	0.8	1.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	23.3	23.5	20.6	-0.2	2.7
Business, Building and Other Support Services	12.4	12.8	10.8	-0.4	1.6
Educational Services	40.9	40.3	41.8	0.6	-0.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	67.6	68.5	65.2	-0.9	2.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.8	16.9	20.4	0.9	-2.6
Accommodation and Food Services	30.3	30.6	32.4	-0.3	-2.1
Other Services	23.6	23.0	23.9	0.6	-0.3
Public Administration	28.8	28.2	30.1	0.6	-1.3
Total	520.0	517.4	511.0	2.6	9.0
<u>HOURS OF WORK ('000)</u>					
Full-Time	418.3	419.1	406.2	-0.8	12.1
Part-Time	101.7	98.2	104.8	3.5	-3.1
<u>CLASS OF WORKER ('000)</u>					
Employees	419.1	415.4	414.6	3.7	4.5
Public Sector	131.2	129.9	132.9	1.3	-1.7
Private Sector	287.8	285.6	281.7	2.2	6.1
Self-Employed	100.9	102.0	96.4	-1.1	4.5

TABLE 4

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

	<u>March 2010</u>	<u>February 2010</u>	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,695.6	16,682.8	16,538.8	12.8	156.8
Newfoundland & Labrador	207.2	205.9	203.9	1.3	3.3
Prince Edward Island	67.7	67.7	64.4	0.0	3.3
Nova Scotia	438.7	436.1	438.7	2.6	0.0
New Brunswick	352.0	351.8	350.2	0.2	1.8
Quebec	3,806.0	3,792.3	3,753.3	13.7	52.7
Ontario	6,481.8	6,485.3	6,435.0	-3.5	46.8
Manitoba	603.3	604.0	592.8	-0.7	10.5
Saskatchewan	520.0	517.4	511.0	2.6	9.0
Alberta	1,948.8	1,959.2	1,967.6	-10.4	-18.8
British Columbia	2,270.2	2,263.2	2,221.9	7.0	48.3
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.8	8.5	8.8	0.3	0.0
Newfoundland & Labrador	17.9	16.5	17.1	1.4	0.8
Prince Edward Island	13.0	12.3	14.0	0.7	-1.0
Nova Scotia	9.8	10.2	10.3	-0.4	-0.5
New Brunswick	9.8	9.8	10.9	0.0	-1.1
Quebec	9.0	8.9	9.7	0.1	-0.7
Ontario	9.3	9.1	9.5	0.2	-0.2
Manitoba	5.4	5.7	5.4	-0.3	0.0
Saskatchewan	5.8	4.7	5.2	1.1	0.6
Alberta	7.6	6.9	6.1	0.7	1.5
British Columbia	8.0	7.8	7.7	0.2	0.3

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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TABLE 5

CANADIAN AND PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS

(Seasonally Adjusted)

	<u>March 2010</u>	<u>February 2010</u>	<u>March 2009</u>	<u>Change from Last Month</u>	<u>Change from Last Year</u>
<u>EMPLOYMENT ('000)</u>					
Canada	16,963.2	16,945.3	16,815.7	17.9	147.5
Newfoundland & Labrador	218.7	219.6	215.9	-0.9	2.8
Prince Edward Island	72.0	72.2	68.8	-0.2	3.2
Nova Scotia	452.7	451.2	452.7	1.5	0.0
New Brunswick	366.5	365.9	364.7	0.6	1.8
Quebec	3,879.6	3,873.3	3,830.5	6.3	49.1
Ontario	6,575.1	6,564.8	6,532.8	10.3	42.3
Manitoba	612.2	611.3	602.2	0.9	10.0
Saskatchewan	527.2	523.9	518.8	3.3	8.4
Alberta	1,969.4	1,972.8	1,986.3	-3.4	-16.9
British Columbia	2,289.9	2,290.4	2,243.1	-0.5	46.8
<u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)</u>					
Canada	8.2	8.2	8.1	0.0	0.1
Newfoundland & Labrador	15.5	14.7	14.4	0.8	1.1
Prince Edward Island	10.8	10.2	11.5	0.6	-0.7
Nova Scotia	8.5	9.3	9.0	-0.8	-0.5
New Brunswick	8.7	9.1	9.6	-0.4	-0.9
Quebec	8.0	8.1	8.5	-0.1	-0.5
Ontario	8.8	9.1	8.9	-0.3	-0.1
Manitoba	5.2	5.4	5.1	-0.2	0.1
Saskatchewan	5.1	4.3	4.7	0.8	0.4
Alberta	7.5	6.9	6.1	0.6	1.4
British Columbia	7.9	7.7	7.5	0.2	0.4

TABLE 6

SUB-PROVINCIAL LABOUR FORCE STATISTICS
(3 Month Moving Average)

	March <u>2010</u>	February <u>2010</u>	March <u>2009</u>	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
CANADIAN CITIES					
UNEMPLOYMENT RATE (%)					
St. John's	8.2	7.9	8.0	0.3	0.2
Halifax	6.5	6.3	6.2	0.2	0.3
Saint John	8.5	7.9	6.3	0.6	2.2
Quebec	5.1	4.4	5.2	0.7	-0.1
Montreal	9.5	9.4	9.3	0.1	0.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	5.8	5.9	5.1	-0.1	0.7
Greater Sudbury	11.1	11.1	8.0	0.0	3.1
Toronto	9.1	8.8	8.9	0.3	0.2
Winnipeg	5.7	5.7	5.1	0.0	0.6
Regina	5.1	4.4	4.0	0.7	1.1
Saskatoon	4.7	4.3	5.1	0.4	-0.4
Calgary	7.3	6.9	5.8	0.4	1.5
Edmonton	7.5	6.8	5.0	0.7	2.5
Vancouver	7.8	7.6	6.3	0.2	1.5
Victoria	6.8	7.4	5.5	-0.6	1.3
SASKATCHEWAN					
ECONOMIC REGIONS					
EMPLOYMENT ('000)					
Regina-Moose Mountain	155.2	154.3	155.2	0.9	0.0
Swift Current-Moose Jaw	52.4	52.7	52.8	-0.3	-0.4
Saskatoon-Biggar	171.2	171.2	167.6	0.0	3.6
Yorkton-Melville	40.7	40.3	38.7	0.4	2.0
Prince Albert & Northern	96.5	97.2	98.4	-0.7	-1.9

Note: All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)

TABLE 7

**SASKATCHEWAN LABOUR FORCE CHARACTERISTICS BY ABORIGINAL IDENTITY
FOR POPULATION 15 YEARS AND OLDER**

(3 Month Moving Average)

	Jan-Mar 2010	Dec-Feb 2010	Jan-Mar 2009	Change from Last Month	Change from Last Year
TOTAL POPULATION					
Labour Force ('000)	542.7	538.7	538.5	4.0	4.2
Employed ('000)	513.7	512.6	511.2	1.1	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	28.9	26.2	27.3	2.7	1.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	4.9	5.1	0.4	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	68.6	69.4	0.4	-0.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.3	65.3	65.9	0.0	-0.6
NON-aboriginal					
Labour Force ('000)	504.3	502.3	498.2	2.0	6.1
Employed ('000)	481.1	481.3	475.6	-0.2	5.5
Unemployed ('000)	23.2	21.0	22.6	2.2	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.2	4.5	0.4	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	69.6	69.8	0.2	0.0
Employment Rate (%)	66.6	66.7	66.7	-0.1	-0.1
aboriginal					
Labour Force ('000)	38.3	36.5	40.3	1.8	-2.0
Employed ('000)	32.6	31.3	35.6	1.3	-3.0
Unemployed ('000)	5.7	5.2	4.7	0.5	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.9	14.3	11.7	0.6	3.2
Participation Rate (%)	60.3	57.5	64.8	2.8	-4.5
Employment Rate (%)	51.3	49.3	57.3	2.0	-6.0
NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN					
Labour Force ('000)	15.5	14.2	17.5	1.3	-2.0
Employed ('000)	12.3	11.5	15.1	0.8	-2.8
Unemployed ('000)	3.2	2.7	2.4	0.5	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	20.5	18.9	13.5	1.6	7.0
Participation Rate (%)	54.1	49.5	62.3	4.6	-8.2
Employment Rate (%)	43.0	40.2	53.9	2.8	-10.9
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Labour Force ('000)	22.6	22.1	22.7	0.5	-0.1
Employed ('000)	20.0	19.6	20.4	0.4	-0.4
Unemployed ('000)	2.5	2.5	2.3	0.0	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.2	11.5	10.3	-0.3	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	63.9	66.8	1.2	-1.7
Employment Rate (%)	57.9	56.5	59.9	1.4	-2.0

Notes:

1. The Labour Force Survey collects data on the Saskatchewan civilian, non-institutional, off-reserve population. Beginning in April 2004, questions were added to the survey allowing for the self-identification of Aboriginal identity for Saskatchewan respondents.
2. The North American Indian and Métis categories are single responses only. 'Other' is omitted due to insufficient responses.
3. All data in this table are three month moving averages, ending in the month specified in the table. For example, the data for July are an average of the three months ending in July (May, June and July)
4. Caution should be used when interpreting results. Small sample sizes can result in large standard errors.

Source: Statistics Canada, *Labour Force Survey*

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